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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of)

DONALD WAYNE ALLEN ET AL.)

Serial No. 08/970,312)

Group Art Unit: 3673

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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
FOR RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Applicant petitions for a one-month extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The Issue Fee on this case was timely paid on January 2, 2002.

Please charge the \$110 fee to Shell Oil Company, Deposit Account No. 19-1800. An extra copy of this Petition is enclosed for that purpose.

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